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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch S.2.

File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P
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No. D 3703
Date 13 / 6 / 32.

REPORT

Date June 12, 1932.

Subject (in full) John M. Murray.

Made by D.S. Moore Forwarded by D. Smith

Enquiries made in connection with the above named reveal that he is an unregistered married American citizen and a native of Seattle in which city his wife resides. He is believed to have resided for some years in Canton, but so far as is known did not take up residence in this city until March 1932, when he is believed to have come here from Mukden. From March 15 to May 15 of this year he was in occupation of quarters in a boarding house situated at 606 Avenue Joffre and which is now conducted by a Mrs. Lydia Kojinoff. Murray was originally taken to this address by a Russian Jew of about 40 years of age and was later visited on two or three occasions by a Mrs. C. J. Kushner (American) the wife of a Russian employee at Whiteaway Laidlow and Co. It appears that Murray numbers amongst his acquaintances in America the mother of Mrs. Kushner. About the middle of May, Murray was absent from his lodgings for three days. At the end of that period, a Russian female of about 30 years of age who had been in the habit of visiting him almost daily, called at the house stating that Murray was a patient in the Country Hospital and that she was authorised by him to remove his effects to a new address which she omitted to give. Permission to remove his baggage, which was composed of leather and steel trunks, was given and carried into effect. It has now been discovered that Murray is residing at 111 Route Vallon, but whether he took up residence at that address immediately following the vacating of his quarters at 606 Avenue Joffre, is difficult to say.

Murray's relation with the "Pacific News Service

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Ltd" (Vancouver) has not been determined. It is known that such a service exists in Vancouver, with a Mr. Sievertz as President and that correspondence has passed between the local Canadian Government Trade Commissioner and the Secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers Association on the subject of news transmission and a closer co-operation between Reuters and the "Pacific News Service" in Vancouver, but the local office of Reuters are unaware of the existence of John Murray in connection with the above. Local press and news agency circles are likewise ignorant concerning Murray's claim to be correspondent for the "Pacific News Service". According to a report rendered by a detective attached to S.S., Murray has on one occasion, whilst resident at 606 Avenue Joffre, visited by one Edmond Egon Kisch, a German journalist and correspondent of the "Prague Tageblatt" who is also believed to be a correspondent for the German communist newspaper "Rote Fahne."

Murray is reputed to be able to converse fluently in German and Chinese as well as English and is also credited with a knowledge of the Russian language. His description is as follows :- Age about 35 years, about 5' 10" in height, black hair, bald on top of the head, small moustache, round face.

JR

W.B. Moore
D.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S2, Please keep a desired watch on Murray's movements for a few days. One man should be sufficient. Both Mr and a permanent agent should be employed.
WBM 13.6.30

D.J. Murray
14/6/30

Fm.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai, June 8 1932.

To S2,

Please accelerate the inquiries about John Murray.

S. Howe. 9/6/32

Please accelerate the preparation of the notes on the antecedents, activities, etc. of Kigh and Sorge which you are preparing.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. D 3703.
Date 9/6/32.

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Translation of extracts from French Police Daily Intelligence Report dated May 30, 1932.

Para.1. Activity of M. Murray

We are informed that one John Murray, special correspondent of the "Pacific News Agency Ltd" (Vancouver, B.C. Canada) recently entered into relations with E.E. Kisch, Czechoslovakian journalist, one of the founders of the "Society of Friends of the USSR at Shanghai". John Murray speaks English, German and Chinese fluently, and also speaks a little Russian. He has been in Shanghai for about a month. According to information available, the "Pacific News Agency Ltd" is a socialistic agency working in a close contact with the Third International.

Para.22. Appearance of Red Riflemen at Pootung

At 8 p.m. on May 29 about 20 men styling themselves as "Red Riflemen" shot with revolvers and fatally wounded a militiaman in the employ of the Yangching town (Pootung). Despite the immediate intervention of members of the 2nd sub-station of the Public Safety Bureau of the 3rd District, none of the assassins has been arrested.

Release of two Koreans implicated in the Hongkew Park Bombing Affair

Supplementary to our previous information, we learn that PARK CHE TO (Korean Pronunciation) or PAO TSI TAO (Chinese pronunciation) and CHANG SANG KOOK (Korean pronunciation) or CHANG HSIANG KIO (Chinese pronunciation), arrested on April 30, 1932 by the Japanese Consular Police with the assistance of members of our Political Section, on a charge of being concerned in the Hongkew Park bombing affair (vide our report dated April 30, 1932, appendix p.3), were released on May 29.

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N. D 3703.
D. 2 / 6 / 32.

Translation of an extract from French Police Daily Intelligence Report dated May 31, 1932

Para 1 **Activity of J.Murray.**

Supplementary to the information given in our yesterday's report, page 1, parag.1, we learn that J.Murray, correspondent of the "Pacific News Service Ltd," visited the " Zeitgeist Book Store "(No.435 Bubbling Well Road) on several occasions recently, where he had interviews with Mme Agnes Smedley, well known American anarchist-syndicalist.

We are further informed that J.Murray went to the offices of the "China Forum", pro-communist journal (No.19 Museum Road) and the "Tass News Agency" (No 20 Museum Road) on two or three occasions. It is reported that in the course of these visits he had interviews with V.Rover, Manager of this agency and an agent of the Comintern.

It seems that J.Murray is anxious to conceal the fact of his visiting V.Rover.

$2, Please attach to appropriate file.

JFG
2:6:32.

SPECIAL INQUIRY

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. D 3703.
Date 2/6/32.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FRENCH POLICE INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

May 31, 1932.

THE ACTIVITIES OF J. MURRAY.

In continuation of our report of May 30, page 1 paragraph 1, we learn that the man named J. Murray, correspondent of the Pacific News Service Ltd. paid several calls during the last few days at the Zeitgeist Book Store, No. 425 Bubbling Well Road, where he used to meet Mrs. Agnes Smedley, a notorious American anarchist and syndicalist.

We also learn that Murray has paid two or three visits to the editor of the Pro-Communist paper called the "China Forum", No. 19 Museum Road, and also at the Tass News Agency, No. 20 Museum Road. During these visits he had several interviews with V. Rover, Director of this agency and an agent of the Comintern. It would appear that Murray is endeavouring to conceal his visits to Rover.

S2, For inquiry and report please.
1/6/32.

D. S. Moore
2/6/32.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FRENCH POLICE INTELLIGENCE REPORT

May 30th, 1932

We are informed that one John Murray, special correspondent of the "Pacific News Agency Ltd" (Vancouver, B.C. Canada) recently entered into relations with E.E. Kisch, Czekoslovakian journalist, one of the founders of the "Society of Friends of the U.S.S.R. at Shanghai". John Murray speaks English, German and Chinese fluently and also speaks a little Russian. He has been in Shanghai for about a month. According to information available, the "Pacific News Agency Ltd" is a socialistic agency working in close contact with the Third International.

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & I. REGISTRY
File No. D 3703
No. 23 JUN 1932
Date

Special Branch S.2. Station,
Date June 23, 1932.

Subject (in full) Watch maintained at 111 Route Vallon June 21 and 22, 1932.

Made by D.S. Moore. Forwarded by D.S. Ewart.

The watch maintained on the house of John M. Murray during the day June 21, was unproductive of result as he was not seen at all neither did anyone visit him during that period.

Enquiries made in connection with private ricsha No.6652 caused that it is licensed in the name of one Wong Tuck Tai (王德泰), 104 Woo Huk Li (和合里), Sinza Road but endeavours to locate this address have proved abortive as the said alleyway simply does not exist on Sinza Road. When application is made for a private ricsha license, the applicants are free to give exactly what address they choose no attempts at verification being made.

The watch was again maintained on June 22, without result, Murray not being seen outside the house during the whole period.

W.B. Moore
D. S.

JR

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Sir,
I suggest this watch be discontinued.
BBE 23/6/32.

Approved.
J. Irwin
O. i/c Sp. Br.
JUNE 23 1932

D.S. Moore,
Please note & return to Reg.
BBE 24/6/32.

NOTED
W.B.M. 24/6

To file
J. 24.6.32

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. S. B. REGISTER
File No. D 3763
Date 21 JUN 1932

Special Branch S.2. Station,
No. D 3763
Date June 21, 1932.

Subject (in full) Watch maintained at 111 Route Vallon June 20, 1932.

Made by D.S. Moore. Forwarded by D.S.P. Lawson

At 1.30 p.m. the house of John Mills now at the above address was visited by a male Chinese, dressed in a dark blue silk long gown, grey felt hat and black shoes, and who arrived in private rickshaw No.6654. At 2.05 p.m. the Chinese came out of the house with Murray who was dressed in a blue suit and wearing a dark red striped neckties, brown shoes and a light coloured felt hat. The two men proceeded to the Ford Hire Station, No.77 Route Vallon and departed in an easterly direction along Route Vallon in a hire car No.12745. They had not returned at 6 p.m. when the watch terminated.

W.B. Moore
D.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

$2, In whose name is Rickshaw No. 6654 licensed?

D.S.P.
21.6.'32.

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Special Branch S.2.

No. D 3765

Date June 20, 1932.

File No.
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C. & S. B. REGISTRY

Subject (in full) Watch at 111 Route Vallon, June 18, 1932.

Made by D.S. Moore. *Forwarded by* D.S.P. Everett

The home of John M. Murray at 111 Route Vallon was under observation on June 18, 1932 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. During these periods no one of import was seen to either enter or leave the house.

W.B. Moore
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 3703
Date 17 JUN 1932

Special Branch S.2. Station,
Date June 17, 1932.

Subject (in full) Watch maintained at 111 Route Vallon, June 16, 1932.

Made by D.S. Moore. *Forwarded by* [illegible]

Murray was not seen to leave the house but was observed returning at 11.50 a.m. when he was wearing light grey clothes and was carrying a paper parcel in his hand.

At 11.20 a.m. mail was sent in by post.

At 5.20 p.m. Murray came out and stood at the doorway for a while and then re-entered the house.

He was not seen again up till 6.30 p.m. when the watch for the day terminated.

W.B. Moore
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

17.6.32

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REPORT

Special Branch S.2. Station.

File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 3709
Date 16/6/32

Date June 16, 1932.

Subject (in full) Watch on movements of John M. Murray June 15, 1932.

Made by D.S. Moore. Forwarded by DSP Everest.

As directed by the Officer i/c Special Branch, the movements of John M. Murray who is residing at 111 Route Vallon, have been watched. The watch commenced during the morning of June 15 and from that time until 3.30 p.m. apart from 3 or 4 Chinese, both male and female of the servant type who were seen ente ing or leaving the premises, nothing of importance occurred. At the latter time, Murray left the house and entered the French Park where he stayed until 5.30 p.m. then returned home. He was not seen out again up to 6.30 p.m. when the watch was terminated.

" Watch being maintained on June 16.

W.B. Moore
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S2, Further report in due course please.
GH
16:6:32.